GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CUSTOMS RAID ON SMUGGLED CIGARETTES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any raids have been conducted by the Customs and Excise Department against contraband cigarettes (smuggle

(d), across the country during last six months;

(b) if so, the details regarding the places of raids, the quantity and market value of cigarettes seized; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to prevent such smuggling activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. All India raids were conducted by the Customs & CentralExcise Department in coordination with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on 29.5.2001.

(b) A total quantity of 8855 cartons & 41627 packets, totally valued at Rs. 14.69 lakhs (approx.), have been seized during raids conducted by Customs & Central Excise Commissionerates at Jamshedpur, Amritsar, Delhi, West Bengal,Ahmedabad, Chennai, Lucknow, Raipur, Mumbai, Tiruchirapalli, Pune, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Hyderabad, Bhopal & Indore.

(c) Field formations under the Customs Department including Directorateof Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have been alerted to intensify measures to check smuggling of cigarettes as well as other contraband goods into the country.